

585
OFFICIALRECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JAN 06 2004 P. 01

PTO/SB/97 (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Certificate of Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted
to the United States Patent and Trademark Office

On January 6, 2004

Date



Signature

Carol Austin

Typed or printed name of person signing Certificate

Note: Each paper must have its own certificate of mailing, or this
certificate must identify each submitted paper.

Transmittal of: Request for Continued Examination Transmittal and
Preliminary Amendment is received and acknowledged.

86165.000030

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.8. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 1.8 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing this form, call 1-800-PTO-9199.

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

JAN 06 2004

OFFICIAL

PATENTS

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Restive, Mario J.

Atty. Docket: 86165.000030

Serial No.: 09/688,488

Examiner: Hwu, Davis D.

Filed: October 16, 2000

Art Unit: 3752

Title: ASPIRATION SPRAYER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT*Via Facsimile*

Commissioner for Patents

P. O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This amendment is in response to the final Office Action mailed October 6, 2003.

A Request for Continued Examination accompanies this Preliminary Amendment.

Please amend the application as follows:

20/B
1-8-04
DB